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In re Application of :
Farmer, Chen and Wen :
Application No. 10/619,035 : ON PETITION
Filed: July 14, 2003 :
For: SYSTEM OR METHOD FOR SEGMENTING :
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This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a),
filed April 22, 2004.

This is also a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR
1.137(b), filed April 22, 2004, to revive the above-identified
application.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

Consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a):

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventors have refused
to join in the filing of the above-identified application after
having been presented with the complete application papers. The
above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and
found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is
hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of
this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the
addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this
application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Consideration under 37 CFR 1.137(b):

A review of the file reveals that on October 14, 2003, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) mailed a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice) to petitioner, which set forth a two-month period to submit the required payment of a \$130.00 surcharge, a properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, and replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 to avoid abandonment of the application. Extensions of time to reply to the Notice were permissible.

Petitioner did not respond to the Notice of October 14, 2003, within the stated time period for filing a reply. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 15, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 20, 2004.

Because this application has been accorded Rule 1.47(a) status by this decision and petitioner submitted replacement drawings and a \$130.00 surcharge for the late filing of the declaration, the reply requirement of the Notice has been met.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

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Farmer, Chen and Wen :
Application No. 10/619,035 : LETTER
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Dear Mr. Farmer:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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Dear Mr. Chen:

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